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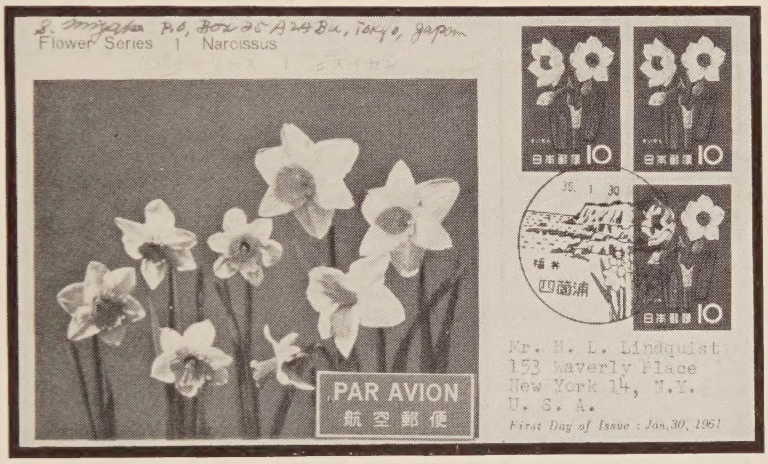

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Combs Memorial Collection Donated to Smithsonian

THE Smithsonian Institution's Division of Philately and Postal History, Washington, D.C., recently accepted the outstanding collection of U.S. State Revenue Decal stamps from *Lee Combs,* Beverly Hills, California, Assistant Director of the *State Revenue Society.* This collection, by far the most complete in existence, will be the foundation of a "live" collection to be known as the *Lee Hefner Combs Memorial Collection* in memory of the 18-year-old son of Attorney Combs. The boy was killed in a Georgia auto tragedy in 1959 while returning for summer vacation from his sophomore year at Yale University.

The late Lee Hefner Combs in whose name the Memorial State Decal Collection was donated to Smithsonian.

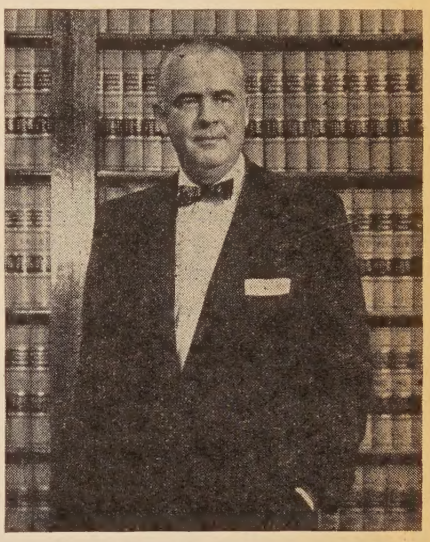
Mr. Combs and his son, named after his maternal grandfather Oklahoma Supreme Court Judge *Robert A. Hefner,* a former mayor of Oklahoma City, formed one of the top collections of U.S., U.S. Possessions, and U.S. State Revenue stamps, as well as a fine collection of the related postal issues. Since Lee Jr. was an outstanding young man in philately and in many other ways, it is highly fitting that this tribute is made in his memory. Although his intelligence was well up in the genius range, he was outstanding in sports as well. In fact, he had won the light heavyweight boxing championship at Yale University. He had outstanding ability in nearly everything which held his interest and had formed an amazing collection of foreign postage stamps at only 8 years of age. He also had important collections of Entomology, Guns, and libraries on guns and stamps.

Mr. Combs, one of the leading lawyers in California State, held similar interests so the two of them worked together as an ideal father-son team. Mr. Combs is a past President of the Beverly Hills Bar Association, and a 1929 graduate of the University of Southern California Law School. He is a member of the Associates of USC, Legion Lex Law Alumni Society, Skull and Dagger Honorary Society, and a trustee of the Harvard School of Los Angeles. While Mr. Combs was attending Harvard University, his athletic prowess earned him a letter in pole-vaulting for three years, among other honors. His interest in athletics continued in his regional chairmanship of the U.S. Olympic Games Committee and he is currently regional co-chairman of the U.S. Equestrian Team Committee. His interests in horses and horsemanship have been bolstered by his lovely daughter, Lynn, who has won many first prizes as a horsewoman in West Coast and National competition.

The Memorial Collection of many thousands of items was declared a very welcome addition to the National Postage Stamp Collection by *Richard H. Howland,* Head Curator of the Department of Civil History at the Smithsonian Institution. Curator Howland stated that the collection would be added to from other Smithsonian collections which become available in the future. Until this collection was donated to the Institution, the U.S. State Revenue stamp field has been almost totally unrepresented in the National Postage Stamp Collection.

Before delivery to the Smithsonian, the decal collection was appraised by revenue authority Elbert S.A. Hubbard, of Northridge, California and declared to be the finest in existence and irreplaceable.

Mr. Hubbard's observations on decal revenue stamps stated that the decal stamp is one type of stamp which the Federal Government never attempted to use, although many States used them extensively on many products, mainly liquor and cigarettes. Mr. Hubbard said, "These fragile stamps are made of several coats of lacquer printed on the gummed side of heavy paper by a silk screen process. The screen is made photographically from a multiple subject negative produced from a master drawing. The relative ease of making a silk screen reproduction of decal stamps is undoubtedly the deterrent to the Federal Government using this type of stamp. Many States have had trouble with decal counterfeits, including Illinois and Missouri liquor stamps and Texas cigarette stamps. Oddly enough, one counterfeit of the Texas decal was printed on thin paper, trimmed to size, and then the stamps were individually stuck onto the gummed paper!"



Lee Combs of Los Angeles, donor of the State Revenue Decal Stamps to Smithsonian Institution.

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THE thirty-third annual convention of the *Royal Philatelic Society of Canada* will be held at North Hatley, Quebec, May 11-14, 1961. This is on beautiful Lake Massawippi in the Eastern Townships of Quebec. North Hatley is a well-known and popular summer and winter resort, with excellent accommodations. It is some ninety miles by road from Montreal and thirty miles from the Vermont border.

This year the convention will take a different form from previous years in order to allow time for those attending to hear addresses on specialized subjects and to take part in study groups. A number of leading specialists will read papers at these meetings.

The principal subjects for discussion this year will be the classic issues of Canada. Groups will also be formed to discuss other subjects.

There will be no competitive exhibition this year, but plans are already well advanced for presenting an important exhibition in 1962 at Windsor, Ontario.

The convention will be opened by a reception for members of the Society and their wives on Thursday evening. Registration will take place on Friday morning, followed by study groups throughout the day.

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Patrick Henry Credo F.D. Figures

There were 415,252 first day covers cancelled and 634,855 stamps sold in Richmond, Virginia, when the Patrick Henry Credo stamp was placed on first day sale there Jan. 11, 1961.

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Fifteen-Cent International Airmail F.D. Figures

There were 192,976 first day covers cancelled and 289,113 stamps sold at Buffalo, New York, when the redesigned 15c international airmail stamp went on first day sale there Jan. 13, 1961.

1961 U. S. & U. N. Issues

UNITED STATES

Jan. 11—Richmond, Virginia—4c Patrick Henry Credo.
Jan. 13 — Buffalo, New York — redesigned 15c international airmail.
Jan. 26—Washington, D. C.—4c and 8c Mahatma Gandhi Champion of Liberty
Feb. 2 — Salt Lake City, Utah — 4c Range Conservation
Feb. 3—Chappaqua, N. Y.—4c Horace Greeley in Famous American format
Apr. 12 — Charleston, S. C. — 4c Fort Sumter
All envelopes containing requests for first day covers must be postmarked at least five days in advance of issuance date of the stamps or they will not be serviced.

UNITED NATIONS

Feb. 13—4c & 8c—Int'l Court of Justice.
Apr. 6—4c & 7c International Monetary Fund

New UN Stamp to Honor International Monetary Fund

THE United Nations Postal Administration has announced that it will issue on April 6, its second commemorative stamp of 1961, honoring the International Monetary Fund, a United Nations specialized agency with headquarters in Washington, D.C.

The new stamp will be printed by photogravure process in denominations of 4 cents (blue and white) and 7 cents (pink-tan, yellow and white) by the

Design of UN International Monetary Fund Issue

Government Printing Bureau, Tokyo, Japan. The stamp will measure 40 mm. horizontal by 27 mm. vertical, perforation to perforation, and will be printed in the following quantities: 4-cent denomination: 2,750,000; 7-cent denomination 2,500,000.

It was designed jointly by two members of the staff of the International Monetary Fund, *Roy E. Carlson* and *Hordur Karlsson,* and is another in a series of UN commemorative issues depicting the work of UN specialized agencies.

Further details about the stamp and instructions regarding the purchase of first day covers will be released appoximately six weeks before the day of issue.

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Our thanks to *Northeast Airlines*, Philatelic Department for covers marking the inauguration of Convair 880 pure jet air mail sevice between New York and Tampa, Florida, February 1, 1961. The set of four covers consists of the New York G.P.O. postmark, the Air Mail Facility at Idlewild, the United Nations, and Tampa, Florida postmarks. The flight was forecast and instructions for securing covers given in our issue of January 14, 1961.

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From the *American Society of Polar Philatelists*, we have a cover postmarked with the Army Air Force Postal Service marking at Camp Tuto, Greenland, autographed by *Capt. Herman B. Eidin* and cacheted for *"Thule Takeoff" Home of Arctic Ice Tunnel—Home of Arctic Swing.* For U.S. or Canada memberships in the Society apply to *R. Quintero*, 12125 *Steel, Detroit* 27, *Michigan;* for overseas memberships, apply to *Carl Uhrig*, 20 *So. Church St., Pittsfield, Massachusetts, U.S.A.*

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Ted L. Kilish, president of the *Dearborn Stamp Club*, sends us a cover from the club's annual exhibition, with a "Wheels of Freedom" cachet, and postmarked at Greenfield Village, Dearborn, January 28, 1961.

From *Walter C. Brink*, of Genesee Depot, Wisconsin, we have a cover dated Jan. 27, 1961, the first day of his fifth Genesee Local issue.

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Michael Ricci, of Troy, New York, calls attention to an item in *Time* for Jan. 13, 1961, concerning the first automated post office in Providence, R.I., which went into operation shortly after Thanksgiving in 1960. "The electronic canceling machine turned out to have a promiscuous eye," says the item, "happily approved any spot of color where the stamp should be, including Christmas seals and trading stamps, on test mail sent by the *Providence Journal-Bulletin*. All were delivered. But when the paper tried it again, spotters, tipped off, canught the letters."

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The history of the society was reviewed by *Carl W. H. Cowdrey*, charter member and first president. The society was formed on January 16, 1936, by six collectors; membership is now seventy-five, most members being from within a radius of twenty-five miles. However, included are members from twenty-five towns and cities in Maine, New Hampshire, and Massachusetts.

The guest speaker was *C. A. Westhaver*, of Milton, Mass., a well known member of many philatelic societies. He spoke on Canadian Fair and Exposition Covers, showing many slides and interesting covers, and a nice "Bluenose" collection.

Officers of the club are *Forest A. Black*, president; *Roger E. Hill*, vice pres.; *Harlow L. Pendleton*, sec'y.-treas. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month, except during July and August, at 7:30 P.M. in the Leominster Recreation Center. An auction is held following the regular program. Visitors are always welcome.

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But I would think your insurance would cover such damage-by-flood in the same way as it would cover other valuable property you have insured. Have you checked this? As for the POD, I have no official written statement of policy to quote you but I think I have correctly stated the facts. Let me know, please, if I'm proven wrong.

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Since these sheets were flimsy "Rice" or "Proof Paper" they were apparently inappropriate for such testing and were never used.
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Civil War Commemoratives

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In his February 5, 1961, column in *The Washington Star*, the paper's stamp editor, *Belmont Faries*, stated that while designs are still in preparation, "it is understood that the general pattern will be set by the Fort Sumter stamp, marking the first military action of the war, the bombardment of the Union-held fort in the harbor at Charleston, S.C."

Mr. Faries advised that the lettering "Civil War Centennial" is across the top, with "Fort Sumter" in smaller letters beneath, the dates 1861 and 1961 at left and right and "U.S. Postage 4c" across the bottom. "The symbolic central design and its background will differ for each battle, with the lettering remaining unchanged as a unifying element," Mr. Faries reports.

Designer-Engravers Horace Greeley Famous American Stamp

The 4c Horace Greeley stamp, first placed on sale February 3, 1961, at Chappaqua, New York, was designed by Charles R. Chickering of the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. Engraving was done by Richard M. Bower (portrait), and George A. Payne (lettering, numeral and outline frame). The likeness of Greeley was based on a photograph by Matthew B. Brady, from a steel engraving published by Derby & Miller of New York, N.Y., and George and C. W. Sherwood of Chicago, Illinois.

Plates Assigned & Sent To Press

Plates 26849 and 26860 for the 4c Range Conservation stamp, issued Feb. 2, 1961, at Salt Lake City, Utah, were sent to press Dec. 19, 1960; plate 26874 was assigned to that stamp in the same month.

Also sent to press during December were Nos. 26864-26867 for the 4c and 26841, 26844, for the 8c Mahatma Gandhi Champion of Liberty stamps; and Plates 26875, 26878, 26885, and 26886, for the redesigned 15c airmail stamp.

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ONE OF the amazing things about the hobby of philately is the large number of devotees who have quietly and unobtrusively worked in it and for it in myriad ways. Prominent among them has been *Edward P. Radford,* whose time and services have always been on call for any worthy philatelic project where he was needed. Completely unselfish, he seeks no honors in return for his devotion; he is, and has always been, without thought of any personal glory. The only office he has ever held in the field is that of president of the *St. Petersburg Stamp Club* (1956-57), although he has also served as director of the Club for many years. Though he has not sought nor held office in the *Florida Federation of Stamp Clubs,* it was he who did much of the preliminary work in organizing it. The preliminary draft of its constitution was drawn in his home, and he was a member of the original committee of three which drafted the rules and regulations governing its exhibitions. This is typical of the role he has played in other philatelic organizations with which he has been associated through the years.

The writer's closest association with *Ed Radford* was during the era when the *Collectors Club* of New York was developing the plans forged by *Dr. J. Brace Chittenden* and made financilly possible mainly through the generosity of *Alfred F. Lichtenstein* and *Julius C. Morgenthau.* One of the projects called for in these plans was the inauguration of *The Collectors Club Philatelist,* of which the writer became the first editor. The writer's story of these early years in the 1920's appears in the *C.C.P.* for January 1961. There we tell, among other things, of the formation of the "Hot Stove League", an informal group consisting of a few active contributors to the *C.C.P.,* among whom was *Edward P. Radford.* Originally formed to discuss policies and stimulate

Edward Parish Radford

editorial and advertising support, this small group emerged into a powerful influence for good in the entire field of philately. It was appropriate that *Ed Radford* should be a member of such a group, which quietly and without fanfare or publicity of any kind acted as "watchdog" against any bad influences that might start injecting themselves into the hobby.

Ed was born in Oshkosh, Wisconsin, July 5, 1891, the youngest of four sons in the third generation of a family of lumber manufacturers. At the age of 8 he began marking brackets after school hours and on Saturdays, thus early learning the habits of precision and perfection which have characterized his life. His background in the lumber business provided him with an appropriate maxim when chided about his perfectionist standards: "You don't make a door that *almost* fits."

He has graduated from *Phillips-Exeter Academy* with the class of 1910, and has been an active alumnus for over fifty years, having missed only two of his class reunions, both times due to illness. He was busines manager of the school annual during his senior term. He attended the University of Wisconsin, and belonged to the Phi Delta Theta fraternity.

On entering the business world in 1912 he became secretary and purchasing agent for the *Northern Lumber and Coal Co.,* of Duluth, Minnesota, a subsidiary of *The Radford Company.* He held this post until 1920, when he became Eastern Representative of *The Radford Company,* with offices in Springfield, Massachusetts. He remained there until 1931, his residence being in Longmeadow. His private secretary during these years was *Miss Rosalind Prevost,* daughter of the well-known Springfield collector, *John Prevost.* In 1931 he returned to the Duluth plant of *The Radford Company,* where he worked until 1934. A hunting accident in which he sustained a broken neck cut short his business career, permanently disabling him for its demands.

Before his accident *Ed* had been active in sports, was a member of the football team at Exeter, the Varsity track team, and captain of the gymnastic team. He continued participation in gymnastics until incapacitated, when he had to confine himself to less strenuous hobbies. He took up fishing, skish (target casting), making his own fishing lures, and raising of orchids.

As for stamp collecting, this had been his hobby since boyhood, when he and his brother *C. Weston Radford* (now of Oshkosh, Wisconsin) both were "bitten by the bug." His brother, incidentally, also still collects, and is a life member of the *American Philatelic Society.*

Ed was married in 1915, and he and his wife celebrated their forty-fifth wedding anniversary in August 1960. They have four children: two boys, two girls; and twelve grandchildren. None of his children collects stamps, but Ed says that considerable knowledge of the hobby has "rubbed off on them." Five of his grandchildren have followed in

his philatelic footsteps, however, and are ardent fans.

For many years Ed's stamp interest was primarily in nineteenth and twentieth century United States. While living in Longmeadow, Massachusetts, and traveling throughout New England and New York in connection with his work, he became interested in the Experimental and World War I Bureau issues. Many of the perforation varieties, offset printings, etc., were then still readily available, and even could be found with little trouble in post offices.

He also became interested in booklet panes, imperforates, and private vending machine varieties. Collectors at that time, he says, were only beginning to be interested in such material, and most dealers scoffed at it. He was therefore able to pick items up at prices that today would seem unbelievable. One memorable experience was when he stopped off one day at Scott Stamp and Coin Company to purchase the Lincoln Memorial stamp in coil. A new roll had to be opened, which, when the wrapper was removed proved to be imperforate. He bought a strip of four for 25c! He could have had more for the same price, but Ed was never one to take advantage of a situation or to try to use his hobby for financial gain.

Although booklet panes were of such little general interest in those days, *Ed* received a bronze award at the 1926 international exhibition in New York when he exhibited his collection of them there.

During his early years as a member of the *Collectors Club* of New York, *Ed* was encouraged by *Dr. J. Brace Chittenden* to start a collection of the stamps of Austria. For the past twenty-five years these have been his sole philatelic interest. The collection has been expanded, however, to include pre-stamp covers and items of Austrian postal history.

Still the lumberman at heart, Ed's albums are made of walnut, with stripes of vermilion wood inlaid to indicate volume numbers. The albums each contain a velvet-lined drawer which holds about one-hundred pages. The cotton velvet lining absorbs moisture and protects the stamps from atmospheric damage.

His album pages are of plain 100% rag paper, printed with the arms of the Austrian Monarchy or of the Republic, according as they were issued. No longer able to do hand lettering, *Ed* has typed annotations, with ultra-precision as to

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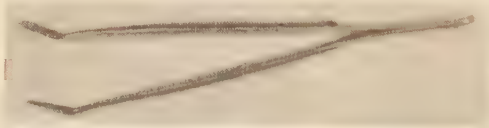

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Ed moved to St. Petersburg, Florida, in 1935, following his accident, and sold his U.S. collection to help educate his children. He has been an important factor in Florida philately ever since his arrival there, and is a life member of the *St. Petersburg Stamp Club*. He is also a life member of the *American Philatelic Society*, the *Association for Stamp Exhibitions* (and former Director), and the *Springfield Stamp Club (Massachusetts)*. He is a member of the *Royal Philatelic Society, London;* the *Society of Philatelic Americans;* the *Collectors Club*, New York; and a charter member of the *Austria Philatelic Society*.

Ed Radford was the author of the motion, favorably accepted by the *American Philatelic Society* at its 1958 Atlantic City convention, that action be taken by the Society towards the prevention of stamp thefts. A handbook along these lines is said to be in preparation, to be made available to collectors.

Ed supports whatever is good for the hobby, and opposes with even greater vigor anything which he believes to be detrimental to philately. He has the respect, confidence, and admiration of all who know him; he is, and has always been, one of our finest in every way.

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Editor, Commonwealth Catalogue of KGVI and QEII Stamps

MOST countries in the British Commonwealth issue a definitive set only once every six or seven years, and a commemorative stamp very seldom. Witness the Maldive Islands, which until an overseas agency took over had not had a commemorative stamp in all its postal history. But the time has come around now for changes in definitives, and collectors of QEII stamps are being kept busy. Also, with the South African countries and Tristan da Cunha changing over to a decimal currency, there are changes in the offing, and it will probably be some months before things settle down.

A new stamp coming out in the field of definitives means that another one is going obsolete, and collectors have to be sure they have all of the old ones before they are no longer so easily available. Gone are the days when such stamps are being overbought by dealers because the average dealer cannot afford to stock up too much.

I don't know how many have noticed it, but not only is the watermark on the recently issued British Solomon Islands "New Constitution" stamps sideways, but all three values can be found with watermarks either to the left or the right. At this stage no one can tell which is the scarcer, but at present prices there is no harm in going for both.

The scramble is on to get the various printings of the 2d value of the Nigeria issue which was replaced January 1, 1961. There are five quite distinct printings (all listed in the Commonwealth "QEII" catalog) and the colors vary enough to make it well worth the search. Such things can be found at a reasonable price just after they go off sale, but if they are scarce, as these Nigerias are, then later on they are likely to take a sharp rise. Some of today's prices may look very different tomorrow.

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By SERGIO PEREZ GRAU

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Don Manuel Gálvez Rodríguez was born in Madrid, Spain, on November 1, 1895. His father, *Don Miguel Gálvez Giménez,* also was a philatelist of world renown, who since 1895 headed the philatelic establishment founded by a relative at No. 1 Cruz Street, Madrid.

A stamp collector since early childhood, *Manuel Gálvez Rodríguez* who his first medal when he was 11 years old at the Valencia Philatelic Exhibition, 1906. Possessor of a vast culture, he spoke and wrote the principal European languages. He studied at the *Liceo Francés* (French Lyceum) and the *Colegio Alemán* (the German College). He acted as chairman of the philatelic section of the Liceo's Alumni Association.

A highly talented person, an untiring worker with an unusual business capability, a really nice personality, *Don Manuel* contributed devotedly to the development of Spanish philately, especially as the Editor of *Madrid Filatélico,* with offices established at No. 1 Príncipe Street.

Founded by his father, *Madrid Filatélico* started publication in 1897 and at present it enjoys a wide circulation throughout the world. A master work of the deceased *Don Manuel* has been his catalog of the stamps of Spain, the most complete in existence, with data on errors and defects, paper and color variations, postmarks, etc. Don Manuel's philatelic library ranks among the best in Europe.

Señor Gálvez Rodríguez was a member of the *International Association of Stamp Experts,* with headquarters in Vienna, and his services as a philatelic expert were solicited from many countries, including the United States. He enjoyed membership in a large number of international and Spanish philatelic organizations, and was No. 1 on the roster of the *Círculo Filatélico y Numismático de Barcelona* (the Philatelic and Numismatic Circle of Barcelona).

He also served as a juror at stamp exhibitions in Spain and abroad, and in 1951 was elected President of the *Grupo Económico de Filatelia de Madrid* (the Philatelic Economic Group of Madrid). It was during his incumbency as such that the Archangel Gabriel was adopted as the Patron Saint of Philately in Madrid, as previously approved by the *Gremio de Comerciantes Filatélicos de Barcelona* (the Stamp Dealers Guild of Barcelona).

Those of us who were honored with his friendship will remember with everlasting respect and affection that leading personality of world philately, *Don Manuel Gálvez Rodríguez.*

He is survived by his wife, *Doña Rafaela Reol de Gálvez,* for many years his devoted partner at home and his unfailing right hand in his philatelic activities. *Doña Rafaela* has taken charge of the editorship of *Madrid Filatélico* and the management of the *Casa Gálvez,* and there is no doubt she will succeed with the able cooperation of her devoted staff.

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COLLECTORS will remember the early rocket post flights by *Gerhard Zucker* which took place in 1933 and 1934 in Germany, England, Italy, and elsewhere. In connection with these early rocket starts, Mr. Zucker issued a souvenir sheet with a colored print on aluminum-colored paper. This sheet is not known on flight covers.

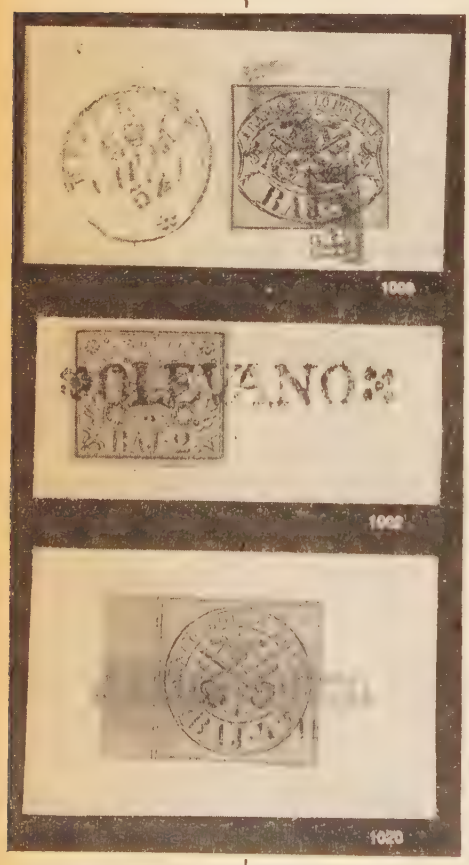
Three rocket events in 1960 commemorated these early flights. The first one took place on July 14, 1960, at Heistern near Eschweiler in the district of Duren, near Cuxhaven. The mail was flown in three different starts, but did not receive special identification which would distinguished one start from another.

Two vignettes of 2500 copies each were issued in red and in green. On the flown covers these vignettes received a three-line cachet reading "Flown by — Z.R.51 — 'EIFEL'." There were 917 covers flown with this cachet in blue, and 910 cards with the same cachet in blue, green, or brown. The flown items are also marked with the date "14.Juli 1960", and are autographed "G. Zucker". They received a postal cancellation at Heistern uber Eschweiler 14.7. 60.17. One of the three rockets, carrying cards only, went beyond its goal and was not found until late in the evening after the post office was closed. These cards therefore have no postal cancellation, but bear a special cachet confirming the reason for the missing cancellation and the course of the start, and is signed by the Acting Mayor of Heistern, as well as the starter and six additional witnesses.

The second rocket start in connection with this twenty-fifth anniversary took place in the same area on July 31, 1960. This start was sponsored by the *United Europa Society;* the rocket vignette shows a man carrying the banner of this society in blue against a yellow background. The text along the four borders reads: "German Rocketstart — Society United Europa — German Rocketstart—Heistern 31, VII.60". The vignette has the circular cancellation of the Society.

Since this second start took place on a Sunday afternoon, the local post office did not cancel the postage stamps until Monday, August 1, 1960. For some unknown reason the same rocket cachet of the Z.R.51 was again added instead of a cachet with a subsequent number. These stamps were printed in a quantity of 8,500 copies, and the printing plates were made inaccessible thereafter to avoid any possibility of future reprints. The number of flown covers has not yet been authoritatively announced; reports vary between 4,158 and 4,658 covers.

The third and last anniversary start occurred on September 22, 1960, in the same area, but this time near the town of Hamich, close by a large military training field. On this occasion the rocketstamps were issued with imprinted values of 1, 2, and 3 Marks. All three show a rocket in flight over a miniature of the 1934 Thale rocketstamp, and all are inscribed "25 Years—25 Years of German Rocketflight—System Gerhard Zucker". The cards show the 2 Mark stamp, covers have 1 and 3 Mark stamps; all have the rocket cachet reading, "By the Zucker Rocket Transported —25" and a picture of the rocket. The postal cancellation was applied in Eschweiler on September 22, 1960. A total of 2,150 cards and 3,850 covers were flown in three long-distance rockets, the last of them covering a distance of 14 kilometers (8.7 miles). In spite of



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First Day of Issue Cancellations By The UN

FIRST day of issue cancellations by the UN during 1960 has exceeded 2,500,000. Statistics on the first day of sales of the issues are as follows: 10-cents airletter 122,425; Palais de Chaillot 446,-815; Economic Commission for Asia and the Far East 415,127; Fifth World Forestry Congress 434,129; UN Day (15th Anniversary) 734,943; International Bank for Reconstruction and Development 559,-708.

It is of interest to note that a new, all-time record for first day cancellations was established for the stamp issued in commemoration of the Fifteenth Anniversary of the United Nations on Oct. 24, 1960.

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The UN Day stamps honoring the Trusteeship Council, which were issued on 23 October 1959, will be withdrawn from sale on 23 April 1961.

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1922 26 ¼p @ .05; ½p @ .04; 1p @ .15; 1p violet @ .07; 1½p @ .10; 2p @ .15; 2½p @ .10; 3p @ .25; 3p yellow @ .15; 4p @ .45; 6p @ .45; 1sh @ .50; 2sh @ $1.25; 2sh6p @ $1.70; 5sh @ $2.50; 10sh @ $5.00 £1 @ $14.00.
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1926 27 ¼p @ .03; ½p @ .03; 1p @ .07; 1½p @ .07; 2p @ .20; 2½p @ .28; 3p @ .40; 4p @ .50; 4½p .65; 6p @ .55; 1sh @ $1.10; 1sh 6p @ $1.40; 2sh @ $2.00; 2sh 6p @ $2.50; 3sh @ $3.00; 5sh @ $3.00 10sh @ $7.00.

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JOE GOLDMAN
21 Wilson Avenue Lynbrook, N. Y.

(Editor's Note: The tips given here are from copy submitted by Mr. Eaton before his recent sudden death. They will be continued as long as they last.)

TIP OFF

IRELAND—Next to the Liechtenstein 1960 Europa set, the pair of Eire Europa commemoratives, with an issue of a little more than one million complete sets, I would recommend this as your next set to buy. The stamps are still selling for slightly over face and won't set you back very much. These Irish commems are extensively used postally on commercial mail, and the mint ones should appreciate in time to come.

NEW ZEALAND—Of course, the best of all the semi-postals are the famous and ever-popular *Laughing Boys*, Scott B3-4, which pair can be obtained in almost any stamp shop featuring British Colonials. The price varies from $18.00 to $20.00 for the set, which is slightly less than what it would cost you in New Zealand itself. But, where many collectors run into a stone wall is Scott's B2, very similar to B1, but differently inscribed. This stamp catalogs $5.00, and is very highly recommended for the usual half of $2.50. Another very difficult stamp is No. B5. Most dealers here in America try to sell B5 and B6 together as a set, and in this case try to find either the complete set or *B5 first*.

EUROPA—To those who started to collect EUROPAS with the 1960 issue and were lucky enough to complete it, I would suggest going back to the start of these issues in 1956. First get the 1956 Luxembourg, Scott 318-320; then Italy, #715-716; or, still better, get all the 1956 EUROPAS in one package deal, which might be slightly cheaper than picking them up piecemeal. These early EUROPAS are good property and getting scarcer all the time. Time will be against you, with all the collectors who are belatedly going for these issues.

LIECHTENSTEIN—A few weeks ago I saw Scott B11-13, the 1932 Child Welfare issue (which is considered a Scout issue), advertised for $11.90 (in another publication — not STAMPS) against a catalog valuation of $12.00. This popular set is in true demand by many, but I doubt that the price of $11.90 is justi-

fied. Of course, these popular sets are by now much harder to find than a short while ago, but the general current retail price is $7.00 to $8.00. Take advantage of the opportunity to get it at that price now, however, for I fear this low price will not last much longer.

ADEN—A new recording of an old story: the 1955-57 distinctive color changes will please many British Colonial collectors. Nos. 55A-61A became major numbers. All have black centers, while the original 1953 values have sepia centers. Make sure you have the sepia ones as well as the black.

LEBANON—Reports from Beirut indicate no ending of practices at the Ministry of Posts which do not serve the best interests of philately. With an issue of 20,000 souvenir sheets commemorating the 1960 Rome Olympic Games, only a few were sold over the counter; the rest were given to the "underpaid" postal employes as remuneration for services rendered. This of course caused a black market which sent the souvenir sheet, with a face value of less than 50c to double and triple, and finally to a high of ten times face. I do not recommend this sheet, as I believe that U.S.A. collectors can do a lot to stop these kind of practices by just not allowing themselves to be the target for them. If collectors will just wait, this 20,000 edition of a country like Lebanon will be found to be ample, I am confident. Normally such an edition there would take some time to find its way to stamp albums.

MONACO—The 1960 Rome Olympic Games commemorative has been mentioned here just recently and recommended to buy at $1.00 per set. This price is double that of last summer's new issue rate, but is still better than you can expect in the future. In fact, a block of four acquired at this time may help you to get something else you need at some later date with what you get for your duplicates.

GIBRALTAR—With the new pictorial issue replacing Scott #132-145, I suggest that you get this 1953 issue now. It still sells for only slightly over face, as it did seven years ago, but now obsolete, it should start moving up.

COLOMBIA—Now is the time to get or complete C322-346, the 1959-60 overprinted airmail set which, as many of you know, was issued in small parts at a time. The unconfirmed rumor that part of this set is already obsolete might be true, and this set in such case would soon start going up.

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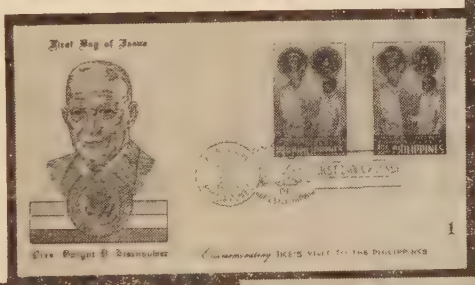

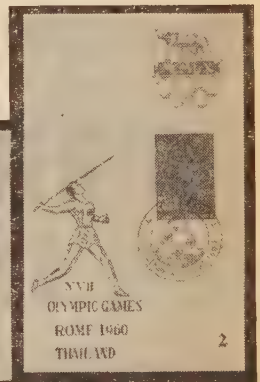

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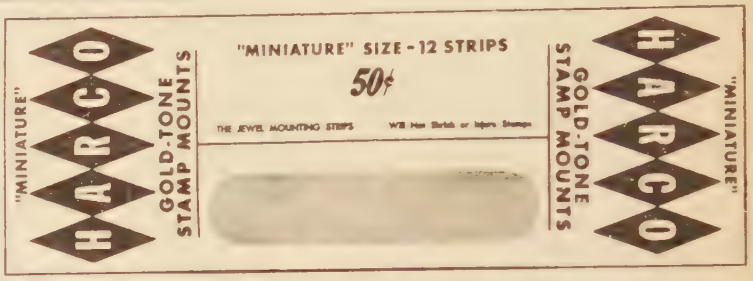

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By Adolf Gunesch

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QUESTIONS on precancels have come in fast and furiously lately. Whenever possible, we answer them by mail. However, we have stated repeatedly that we *wil not give values;* we simply haven't time to look up such information. If you think enough of your Precancels you surely can afford the cost of a catalog. However, some collectors seem to think every Precancel is worth a fortune. When you can buy a thousand mixed Precancels for as little as $5.00, you can readily see that there are many common Precancels floating around.

Several collectors want to know if the use of Precancels has been diminishing. On Parcel Post they certainly are not using as many Precancels as before. Exceptions are the big cities where the various mail order houses are located. They are using more than ever. The only trouble is that they are all canceled with the Dated Controls, especially the high values, which of course makes those without the dates scarce and more desirable.

Our friend *B. F. Dietzer* of Cincinnati furnished us with statistics on the use of Bureau Precancels for the last seven years which indicates that their use was increased considerably. Here is the way the use of Bureaus on the Liberty series has been reported since they started: 1954—4 reported; 1955—100 reported; 1956—156 reported; 1957—77 reported; 1958—230 reported; 1959—222 reported; 1960—433 reported.

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Another frequently asked question is about *inverted* Precancels, usually by those who do not collect Precancels. In their minds they associate an inverted Precancel with the 24c airmail invert, I guess, but these two things are not comparable, as every informed collector should know.

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Feb. 20—Northern Virginia Stamp Club meeting, 8 P.M., at home of William H. Woddrop, 5400 Youngblood St., McLean, Va. Auction.

Feb. 21—Raritan Bay Stamp & Coin Club, meeting at 8 P.M., at Neal Lucey Center, William St., Perth Amboy, N.J. Guest lecture, bourse, auction, following business meeting. Meeting held first and third Tuesdays.

Feb. 21—Roosevelt Philatelic Society meeting at Club Rooms, 1215 E. 83 St., Chicago. Al. J. Egan, guest speaker. New issues, circuits, refreshments.

Feb. 22 — Alexandria-Mount Vernon Stamp Club meeting, 8 P.M., Hospitality Room, Penn-Daw Coop Store, Alexandria, Va. Auction.

Feb. 22—Washington Philatelic Society, meeting at Arts Club, 2017 I Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. Swap night. March 8 meeting will be quarterly business meeting and auction.

Feb. 22—Binghamton Philatelic Society will have their president Don Edminster, as speaker on Swiss War Covers.

Feb. 22—Phoenix Philatelic Association meeting at the Goettl Auditorium, 20 St. and Indian School Road, Phoenix, Arizona, will have film on Development of Postal History of West Germany, U.S.A., and British Occupation.

Feb. 24—Garfield-Perry Stamp Club meeting at Manger Hotel, Cleveland, will have talk by Charles I. Ball on "Post Offices Under Lincoln and Washington."

Feb. 25-26—Columbus Philatelic Club annual exhibit at Southern Hotel, Columbus, Ohio. Chairman Richard L. Lenhart. Bourse Chairman James Roehm.

Feb. 27—Dutchess Philatelic Society, 58 Market St., Poughkeepsie, N. Y., will have film strip "Stamps in the Making." Trading.

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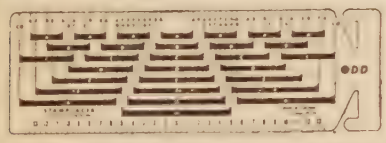

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March 17-19—Coins, Stamps, Hobbies show and bourse at Hotel Pick-Ohio, Youngstown, Ohio.

March 18-19—1st Czechoslovak Philatelic Club of America exhibition instead of previously planned March 25-26 dates, at the Olympic Theatre, C.S.A. Bldg., Cicero, Illinois. About 100 frames, mostly of Czech philately, including a colorful collection from Czechoslovakia. Refreshments will be served to visitors.

March 18-19—McKinley Stamp Club's 30th annual exhibition and bourse at Onesto Hotel, Canton, Ohio. In addition to adult exhibits there will be one-page exhibits of juniors 8 to 14. Twenty bourse dealers, and local post office will have philatelic window at show. There will be a U.S. Government display, and about 100 frames. Awards will be given out at the Philatelic Breakfast on Sunday morning. Chairman is Pearl Tenenbaum, 203 First Federal S. & L. Bldg., Canton, Ohio.

March 24-26—Adam Plewacki Post Stamp Society stamp and coin show, with Bison City Coin Club cooperating. Known as FAPEX, show will be held in the Auditorium of the Post at 385 Paderewski Dr., Buffalo, New York. Theme of the show is centennial of Civil War, with special tribute to General Wladimir Krzyzanowski, Civil War Hero and the first Governor of Alaska.

March 24-26—Garfield-Perry Stamp Club annual Party at Manger Hotel, Cleveland. Festivities begin at 71st annual party on Friday evening, March 24, at 8 P.M., when Past President Ralph Johnson will serve as Master of Ceremonies. The 100-frame exhibition and bourse will open Saturday at noon and continue to 10 P.M. On Sunday the hours will be from noon to 5 P.M. Any club within a 50-mile radius of Cleveland may enter a one-frame exhibit, and $50 in cash prizes will be awarded to clubs with winning entries. Thirty-table bourse is in charge of Nelson P. La Ganke, of the Stamp-Ade Co., 903 Carnegie Hall, Cleveland 15, Ohio. Branch philatelic agency of the Post Office Department will be open Saturday and Sunday, with latest U.S. issues on sale. General Chairman is Donald W. Goertz, 8123 Lanyard Drive, Parma 29, Ohio. Lincoln is subject of cachet being issued in honor of the event, and which is advertised under "Covers" in this week's issue of STAMPS.

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BRAZIL—Our thanks to *Gen. Arnaldo Franca* and *Jose Almir Mendes*, of Rio de Janeiro, for information and first day covers dated January 31, 1961, with the Cr. $2.50 *Emperor Haile Selassie* of Ethiopia stamp which was forecast here on February 4, 1961. This brown and tan stamp shows a portrait of the *Emperor*, and commemorates his visit to Brazil. It was designed by *Waldemiro Puntar* and engraved by *Gildasio de Souza Ferreira*. Printing was by rotogravure, in sheets of 25, edition five million. *Gen. Franca* informs us of the following stamp program for 1961. Sesquicentennial of the National Library, Brazil Integration, Sesquicentennial of the Military Academy, Centennial of the Sacre Coeur de Maria College, Sesquicentennial of the Military Arsenal, Spring Games 1961, Eighth Championship of South American Lighting and Promulgation of the Constitution of the State of Guanabara.

BRITISH SOLOMON ISLANDS—On January 28, 1961, we reported on the New Constitution commemorative stamps which were scheduled for release on January 29, 1961, in values of 2d., 3d. and 9d. We have been informed by the *Crown Agents Representative*, Washington, D. C., that the printers have advised the Crown Agents that due to an oversight on their part the three values of the above stamps have been printed, some with the watermark reading left to right (i.e. top of Crown facing left) and some with the watermark reading right to left (i.e. top of Crown facing right).

BULGARIA—On January 26, 1961, a 1 lv. stamp, perf. and imperf., and a souvenir sheet were issued to commemorate fifteenth anniversary of the United Nations. The design shows the U.N. emblem and the U.N. building in New York. The colors of the stamp are brown and yellow; the design has been reproduced in pink and olive on the souvenir sheet with the marginal inscription in orange. We are indebted to *C. Pantofchiev*, Sofia, for a first day cover with this issue.

CHINA (FORMOSA)—Our thanks to *S. Y. Ma*, Taipei, for a first day cover dated February 1, 1961, with the 0.80,

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1.20 and 2.50 stamps, Series I of the Ancient Chinese Art Treasures set which was reported and shown in our issue of February 11, 1961.

We have also received from *S. Y. Ma* a first day cover dated February 4, 1961, with the three-value set of the Census of Agriculture stamps which was reported in detail in our issue of February 11, 1961. The stamps have a common design and the values are 0.80, 2.00 and 3.20.

CUBA—*Jose L. Guerra Aguiar,* Chief of Negotiations of the Ministry of Communications, has sent us additional information and copies of the "Declaration of Havana" stamps which were described in our issue of February 11, 1961. The correct date of emission is January 28, 1961, and not as previously reported.

Mr. Aguiar has sent corner pieces of each sheet so that we may observe that they are marked "E" for "Espanol" (Spanish), "I" for "Ingles" (English), or "F" for "Frances" (French), according to whether the "Declaration" on the particular sheet is in the respective languages. Also issued, he advises, was a souvenir sheet with the 8c value in Spanish, the 12c in English, and the 30c in French.

ECUADOR—*J. Kapon,* Quito, reports the finding of a sheet of Scott's #RA (R3) 10c on 50c orange-red (1954) with a double overprint, and three sheets with an inverted overprint. *Mr. Kapon* also informs us of the existence of a sheet of Scott's #656 (World Refugee Year, 1960) and a sheet of Scott's #C375 (Red Cross, 1960) both imperforate.

ITALY—The *Italy Ministry of Posts* has announced the stamp program for 1961. Plans call for stamps in honor of Pliny the Younger; Gian Domenico Romagnosi, philosopher-jurist; Ippolito Nievo, writer-politician; President Gronchi's forthcoming visit to South America; another "Europa" set and another "Stamp Day" issue. Also under consideration is a set in honor of UNESCO.

—*Pierson Ostrow*

JAPAN—On January 30, 1961, Flower Series I was released. This 10 yen Narcissus stamp was forecast in our issues of December 17, 1960 and January 14, and some details were given here February 11, 1961. The colors are purple, yellow, green and buff. It was printed at the Printing Bureau, Ministry of Finance, in sheets of 20. Our thanks to the following for first day covers: *Akio Onishi, Ishikawa, Kenji Nakatani,* Kobe; *H. Tsuge* and *Kani Stamp Co., Ltd.,* Osaka; and *Kunihiro Wm. Hatate, Kenzi Miwa, Meiso Mizuhara, S. Miyake, Fumiko Takamura, T. Toyooka,* and *Riichi Yoshida,* of Tokyo.

KATANGA—In our report of February 4, 1961, concerning the two overprinted commemoratives on basic stamps of Belgian Congo, Scott #321-322, issued January 17, 1961, part of the description of the overprint was omitted, and there was a typographical error in the word "KATANGA.". The infomation should read: Both Flemish and French inscribed stamps were overprinted with 3F.50 surcharge and "KATANGA", and at the bottom where the wording "Belgian Congo" formerly appeared there is a bar oblitering this inscription.

The country's first unoverprinted set was issued Feb. 15, 1961. Twelve stamps featuring "Arts of Katanga."

MALAYA—*Lee Chin Teck,* Perak, has sent newspaper clippings with information on the Federation of Malaya postage stamp design competition. The Government has decided to replace the present series of pictorial postage stamps. Competition is open to any person ordinarily resident in the Federation of Malaya. The new series will consist of fifteen denominations and the size of each stamp will be 35 x 25 mm. The designs submitted must be related to a "national theme."

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—*P.T.S. Newsreel, London*

NORTH BORNEO — Through the courtesy of the *Crown Agents Representative,* Washington, D. C., we have received mint stamps of the sixteen-value definitive issue which was released for sale on February 1, 1961. The denominations and designs are as follows: 1c Payay, 4c Honey Bear, 5c Clouded Leopard, 6c Dusun Woman with Gong, 10c Map, 12c Tembadau, 20c Phalaenopsis Orchid, 25c Rhinoceros, 30c Murut with Blowpipe, 35c Mount Kinabalu, 50c Dusun and Buffalo Transport, 75c Bajau Horsemen, $1 Orang-Utan, $2 Hornbill, $5 Crested Jungle Partridge, and $10 Coat of Arms. This issue was fully reported here on November 26, 1960, and January 28, 1961.

PERU—An item in the January 31, 1961, issue of *La Prensa* announced that bids were being asked for another printing of the 20c, 30c, 50c and 80c regular and airmail stamps. These are Scott's Types A183, A182, A184 and AP50.

As this will be open to new bids the possibility exists that a new printing firm can receive the contract and therefore they could be a new issue from the philatelic point of view.

The new printing calls for ten million of each of the four values, and that twenty-five per cent of the order must be delivered within sixty days and the remainder during the ninety days thereafter. Presumably these periods date from final acceptance of the bids, and do not refer to the actual date the stamps will be placed on sale.

—*L. P. Entwistle*

POLAND—On February 11, 1961, a 60 gr. commemorative was scheduled to be issued to mark the Fourth Meeting of Polish Technicians in Warsaw. The design, by *Severin Jasinski,* shows a cogwheel which is the emblem of Polish technicians. It was printed by offset in an edition of 600,000.

—*Dr. M. A. Rayall de Ragan*

RYUKYU ISLANDS—A 3c commemorative stamp will be issued during the last ten days of March 1961 to publicize the "Make the Ryukus Green" movement. The design will show a forest and a pine tree in dark-gray, green and orange. The stamps will be printed in sheets of 20, edition of 300,000.

SAN MARINO—A formal announcement has been made that the often-delayed quartet of "Paesaggio" definitives will definitely go on sale on February 16, 1961. —*Pierson Ostrow*

TRINIDAD — We are advised by *Harold Rajnauth,* Trinidad stamp dealer, that there is an anticipated change in the Boy Scout issue announced here February 11, 1961. Instead of a single 20c stamp, as originally planned, there is

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URUGUAY—Our thanks to *J. Santiago Rachitoff*, Montevideo, for a first day cover dated January 27, 1961, with the 20 pesos value of the "Boisso Lanza" issue (Scott 1960 Type AP21). This black, gray and blue stamp completes the set issued last year with the same design (Winged Statue with small airplane) in denominations of 3c, 20c, 38c, 50c, 60c, 90c, and 1p. The 1960 set was reported in our issue of December 17, 1960. *Mr. Rachitoff* advises that this is the first time a 20 pesos airmail stamp has been issued, and that the high denomination has become necessary due to the recent big rise in airmail postage fees. This stamp was printed in an edition of 20,000.

VATICAN CITY—On February 28, 1961, a three-value set of stamps will be issued ot commemorate the eleventh centenary of the death of the Benedictine Monk *Saint Meinrad*, and will also honor the Swiss Abbey of Einselden where he lived. These 30, 40 and 100 lire stamps will be printed in sheets of 40.
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Because of its proximity both to the Kyoto Hotel and the huge arcaded shopping center everyone wants to see, tourist trade predominates in the first while customers in the latter are largely locals.

I myself always go for Japanese material on which there is terrific turnover, here today and gone tomorrow. All of which means that new stock is always coming in, and I've never been disappointed. The young lady and I have become quite well acquainted, and knowing that I like commemorative cards with commemorative postmarks and often commemorative stamps as well, she always hauls out a box as soon as I enter the place. If you like the cut of the ordinary items, such as covers, stamps with imprint inscription attached and the like, you can have a rewarding visit to both shops.

ODDLY enough, most Japanese stamp shops are heavy on unused material and very short on used. Stock books of the former are always well-filled but those of the latter are regularly lamentably empty. This situation doubtless arises from two facts: that used material is very hard to assemble and that huge quantities have been sent overseas during the past ffiteen years in barter transaction. Preference for unused material is a little hard to understand considering the high humidity of most areas.

Generally speaking, Japanese collectors don't mix unused and used; they use printed albums save for specialist collections. As a rule they are not as condition-conscious as Americans; often dealers have been surprised that I have rejected a poorly centered or heavily cancelled or nibbed perf copy.

In addition to his regular collection of unused stamps in a printed album, many a collector has another collection of "Specimen" stamps (almost invariably in another printed album) or a postmark one (as many varieties as possible for each city) agoing. In that way, interest never dies down.

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Having gone out on circulars, very few have been preserved on cover and such items command fancy prices indeed when they show up. There was a time a decade ago when strays showed up in miscellaneous lots gathered by religious and other groups—"Misson Mixtures" as we say back home. Few dealers have them today. It took visits to at least a dozen shops before I finally located a copy at Fukuos.

But here is a curious thing: A few genuinely used sheets exist and I saw two such in collections. Their history is this. Some candidates preferred sending out cards, bought them at the Post-office and turned in sheets of 100 each of the franchise stamps to pay for them. They were duly cancelled and were dropped into the kilo bin, just as are sheets of ordinary stamps, used to cover bulk mailing etc. A used sheet of Franchise Stamps is indeed something. Alas, I never found one on offer.

At the outset, unused copies were scarce, but they gradually appeared on the market as secretaries sold them to dealers after election time. One American paid 5,000 Yen for an early sheet and dealers, buying for stock, paid as high as 2,000 Yen.

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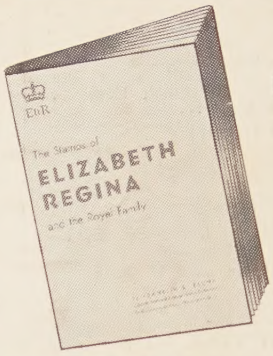

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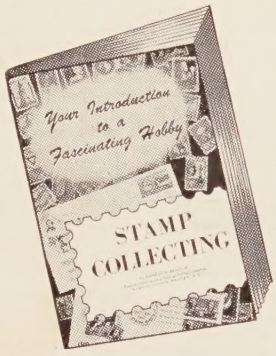

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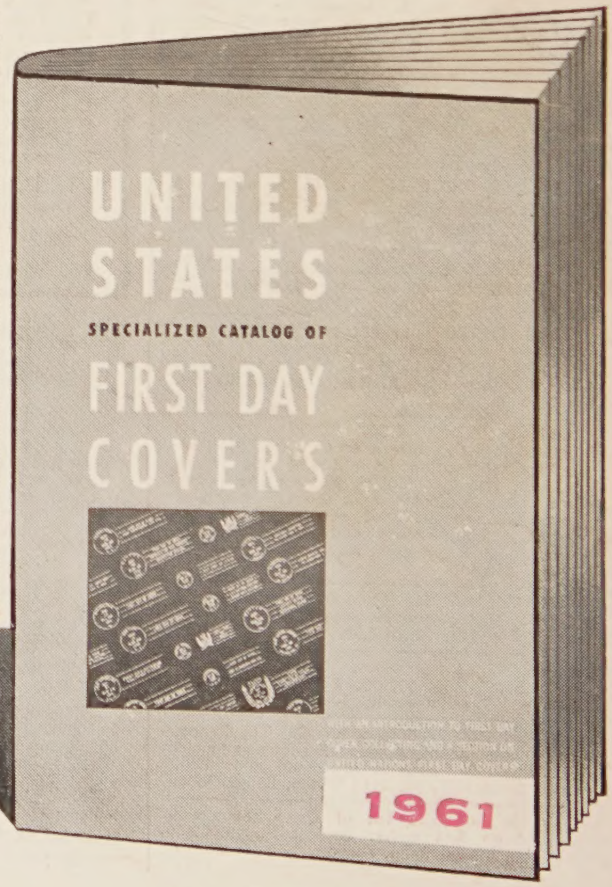

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